

**ENTERED**

February 20, 2026

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISIONGENE DUROCHER, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

GRETCHEN M. VAN STEENWYK-  
MARSH, *et al.*,

Defendants.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:25-CV-00757

**ORDER**


Before the Court are United States Magistrate Judge Christina Bryan's Memorandum and Order filed on January 20, 2026 (Doc. #38); Plaintiffs' Objections (Doc. #39); and Defendants' Response (Doc. #40). The Magistrate Judge's findings and conclusions are reviewed de novo. FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b); 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir. 1989). Having reviewed the parties' arguments and applicable legal authority, the Court adopts the Memorandum and Recommendation as its Order.

Therefore, Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Under Rules 12(b)(2), 12(b)(3), 12(b)(6), and 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a), or, in the Alternative, to Transfer Venue Under 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) is hereby GRANTED IN PART. Doc. #19. Specifically, the Court grants Defendants' request to transfer venue. Accordingly, this case is hereby TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the Central District of California, in which Civil Action 2:24-cv-07401 is pending.

It is so ORDERED.

**FEB 19 2026**

Date

  
 The Honorable Alfred H. Bennett  
 United States District Judge